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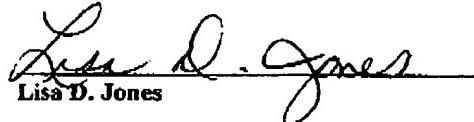
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Title:) <u>IMPLANTATION SYSTEM FOR IMPLANTATION OF A HEART VALVE PROSTHESIS</u>

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, issued in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

There are no amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in a **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.